(Life and Message) have been published since the inception of the Publications Division State-wise;

(c) what are the names of the social reformers on whom books have been published from the inception of the Publications Division;

(d) whether Government propose to bring out a comprehensive book on Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy keeping in view the great demand for such a book; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The biographies or near biographies of the leaders are brought out by the Publications Division under the *Builders of Modern India* series;

(b) and (c) Details are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXVIII. Annexure No. 22].

(d) and (e) Keeping in view the existing commitments of the Publications Division on account of the various biographies under 'Builders of Modern India' series, the publications of biography of Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy can be considered only after some time.

Settlement of Claims of Contractors by the Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited

795. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question 76 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd May 1985 regarding Hazira Fertiliser Project and state:

(a) what is the total contribution made by the Central Government towards the share capital of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited and towards the loan for implementation of the Hazira Fertilisers Project till 31st March 1986;

(b) what further action has been taken by Government of KRIBHCO for settlement of claims on the representations of one of the contractors whose contract was cancelled by the KRIBHCO;

(c) whether it is a fact that the case was referred to the Law Ministry or legal experts for opinion on the issue pertaining to such settlement;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of compensation, if any, fixed or opined by such agency; and

(e) what is the present status of the representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Upto 31.3.1986 the contribution of the Central Government towards share capital is Rs. 344 crores and towards loan Rs. 277 crores.

(b) One of the Contractors, who was given a contract for the coal handling plant, has represented to Government for the cancellation of the contract. The Central Government are not primarily concerned with the contract, however, KRIBHCO has informed the contractor the amount in settlement of the contractor's claim and has also informed that in case the contractor does not accept the said offer, the matter of their claims may be adjudicated by reference to Arbitration in accordance with the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)/Agreement.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The opinion cannot be divulged as it would be prejudicial to the interest of the parties. The quantum of compensation was not fixed.

(e) The contractor did not accept the offer made by KRIBHCO and made representations to Government.